



Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Water Quality  
Wetlands Section

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2008-312-02-BCB-A

**Corps of Engineers ID Number:**  
LRL-2008-774

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**To all interested parties:**

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

- 1. Applicant:** Mr. Brian Meeks  
SMWJ, LLC  
8181 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804
- 2. Agent:** Mrs. Alicia (Bever) Douglass  
Davey Resource Group  
3846 New Vision Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
- 3. Project location:** SE ¼ of Section 23, Township 30 North, Range 11 East, Fort Wayne West U.S.G.S. Quad, Allen County. I-69 Exit 102, East on Jefferson Boulevard to Olde Canal Place, turn right.
- 4. Affected waterbody:** Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to Graham McCulloch Ditch (Stream 1), UNT to Graham McCulloch Ditch (Stream 2, ephemeral), UNT to Graham McCulloch Ditch (Stream 3, ephemeral), 0.283 acre of jurisdictional emergent wetland, and 0.127 acre of jurisdictional forested wetland.
- 5. Project Description:** The applicant proposes to discharge approximately 520 cubic yards (cys) of clean earthen fill below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of 214 linear feet of UNT (Stream 3) to fill the stream in order to facilitate the construction of a new commercial property. A total of four (4) three-sided box culverts will be constructed in Stream 1 for three vehicular crossings and one pedestrian crossing. Rock step pools, toe armament, grade control structures, Newbury riffles, coir logs, geotextile and biodegradable erosion control fabric will be installed in Stream 1 in order to protect the stream from further erosion, and to improve the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the incised channel. Approximately 174 cys of clean earthen fill will be discharged into a 0.127 acre forested wetland, and a portion of the wetland will be excavated in order to construct a detention basin for site storm water. Approximately 2,569 cys of clean earthen fill will be discharged into 0.283 acre of emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands in order to accommodate a parking lot. Approximately 192' of Stream 2 will be excavated as part of the detention basin, and 70' will be converted into a drainage swale. To mitigate for the stream impacts, the applicant will remove invasive species, plant the corridor with native woody shrub and herbaceous species, and conduct the above mentioned stream enhancement activities. To mitigate for the wetland impacts, the applicant will mitigate off-site by constructing 0.5 acre of emergent wetland (2:1 ratio), 0.1 acre of scrub-shrub wetland (3:1 ratio), and 0.5 acre of forested wetland (4:1 ratio) located in the SE ¼ of Section 31, Township 25 North, Range 14 East, Geneva USGS Quad, Adams County. The mitigation is in the same 8-digit watershed.

**Comment period:** Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

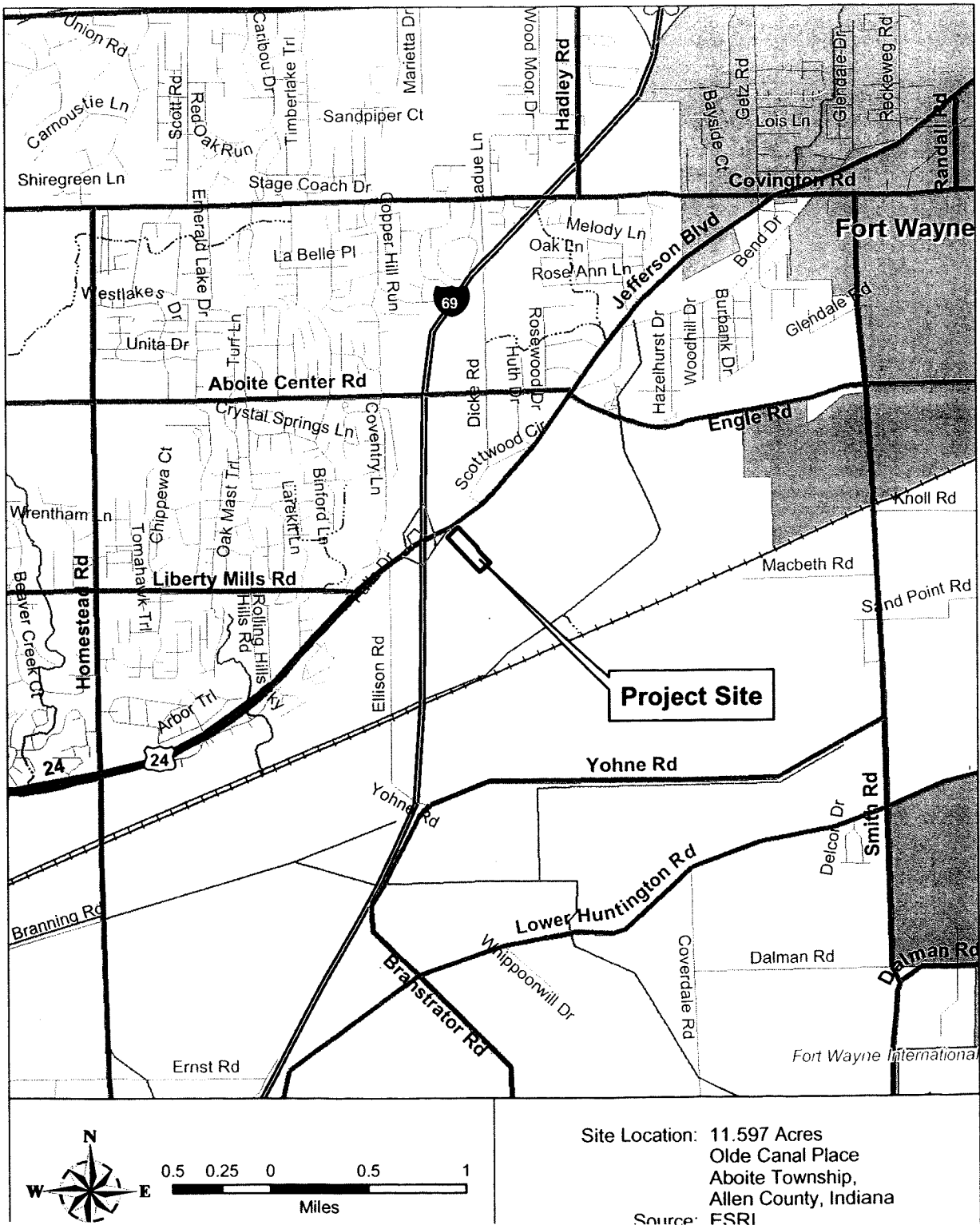
**Public Hearing:** Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

## Questions?

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Brad Baldwin, Project Manager, at 317-234-5647. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251  
FAX: 317/232-8406

### ***Location of Project Site on Highway Map***



# Appendix I Proposed Impacts Map

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11.597 Acres, Olde Canal Place  
Aboite Township, Allen County, Indiana

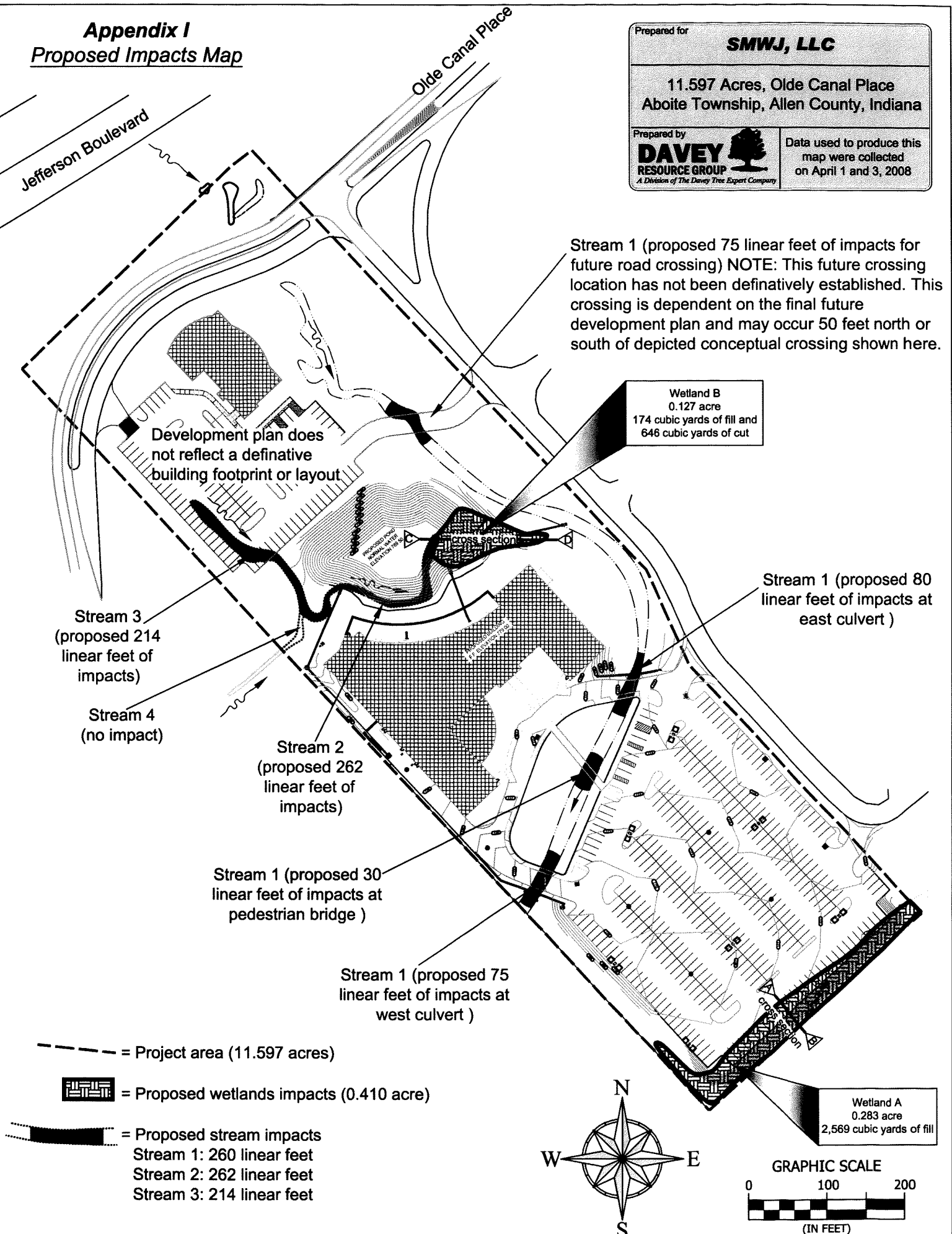
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# Appendix O

## Conceptual On-Site Stream Mitigation Plan

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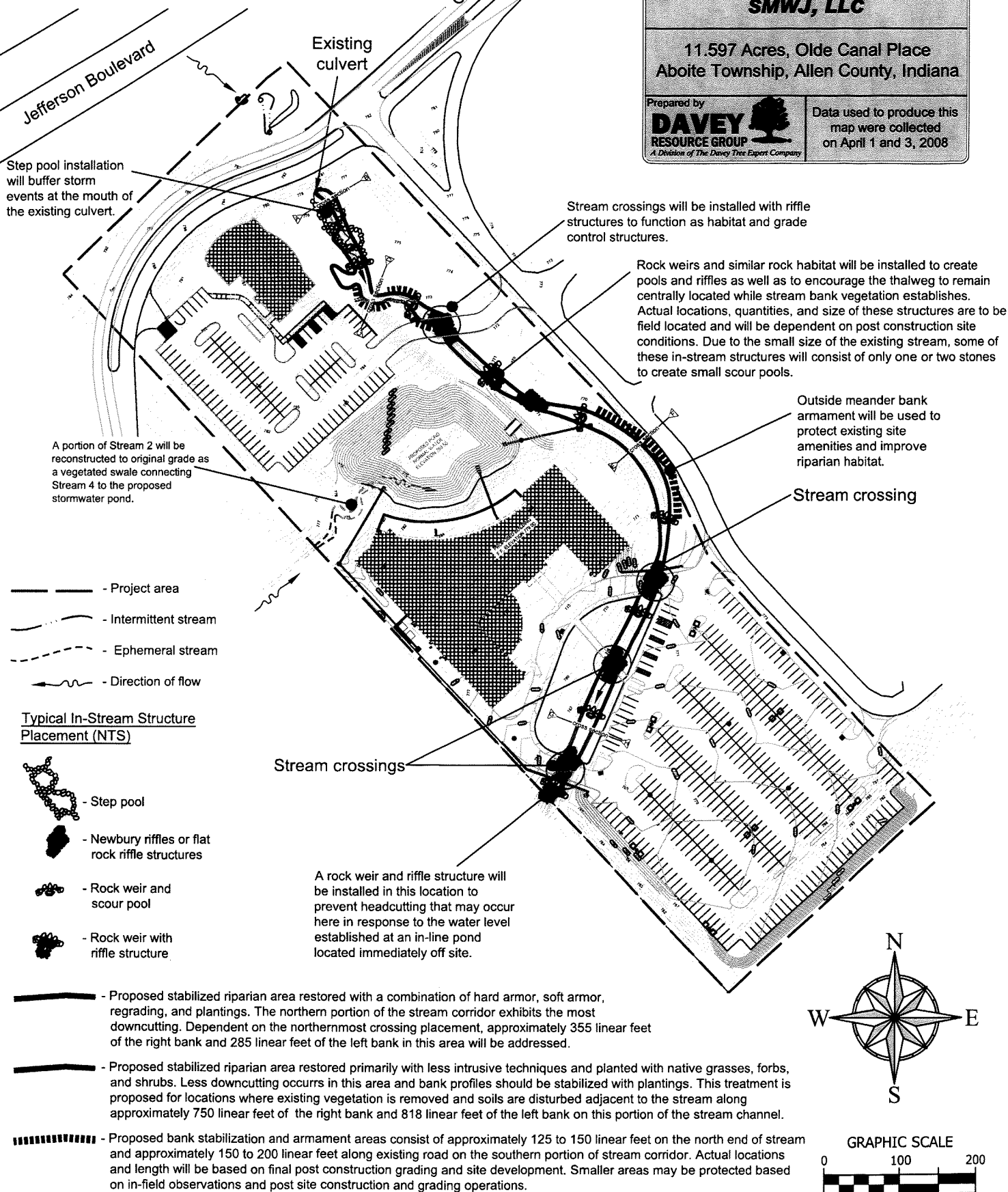
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# **Appendix D** **Location of Wetlands Mitigation Site on Highway Map**

